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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Peterson, you're recognized to open on AM1254.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. AM1254 is actually LB 292, which I introduced, and it was advanced from the Transportation Committee with no dissenting votes and, again, it's sitting out there on General File. And it was introduced at the request of the Department of Motor Vehicles and the insurance industry to clarify current statutory language in regard to insurance cards that are issued for vehicles that are insured as part of a fleet, and a fleet is, the classification for that is a business that owns over five vehicles generally qualifies for a fleet insurance classification. And what LB 292, which is now AM1254 does is it corrects an unintended effect of LB 720, which was adopted in 1997. And what LB 720 did is required evidence of insurance for the purposes of registering a motor vehicle to include the year, make and identification number of each vehicle without exception. And what this did is you had to use vehicle specific certificates of insurance for all the fleet vehicles and that was quite a burden on fleet vehicle owners. What this does is it says it allows for evidence of insurance for the purpose of registering fleet vehicles to include a designation that the insurance coverage is applicable to all vehicles owned by the named insurer or similar wording rather than an explicit description of each vehicle. The Department of Motor Vehicles worked with the insurance companies to develop the language found in AM1254 and, again, it simply clarifies language so that it will be interpreted uniformly by all county treasurers across the state, and I ask for the adoption of AM1254.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Senator Bromm on discussion of AM1254 to LB 704.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Chris Peterson has accurately described the amendment. The hearing on this bill, which was 292, was supported by all those who spoke, which included some representatives of the trucking industry insurance and the DMV. DMV was actually...was actually in support of this bill. It's a very practical suggestion. I don't see that it has any downside. It doesn't seem that when you have 100 vehicles insured under a fleet policy that you